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House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0529

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March 12, 2019

The Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

We write once again to inquire into the status of the Petition for Reconsideration of Liberman Broadcasting, Inc. (LBI), which was filed in Docket No. MB 16-121 on September 26, 2016.

On June 27, 2018, we inquired into the status of the petition and explained that we were very concerned that the petition had been pending for more than 18 months. You responded to our letter on July 23, 2018, assuring us that staff were actively working on the petition and that you hoped the Media Bureau would “act on the issues raised in the Petition before the end of the year” 2018.¹ The end of the year has come and gone. LBI’s petition has now been pending for more than 28 months.

We note that we take no position on the outcome of the petition but write again to ask for a status update and to express our concern with the delay. Please provide an update to our offices by April 4, 2019 on when a decision will be made on LBI’s petition.

Sincerely,


TONY CÁRDENAS
Member of Congress


RAUL RUIZ
Member of Congress

Enclosures

CC: Commissioner Michael O’Rielly; Commissioner Brenden Carr; Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel; Commissioner Geoffrey Starks

¹ Our status inquiry and your response letters are enclosed.



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June 27, 2018


Dear Chairman Pai,


We write to inquire into the status of the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Liberman Broadcasting, Inc. on September 26, 2016, in Docket No. MB 16-121.

As you know, on April 8, 2016, LBI filed a complaint alleging that Comcast discriminated against LBI's Estrella TV Network to benefit Comcast-owned competing networks, Telemundo and NBC Universo, in reference to the FCC's program carriage rules and the merger conditions arising from Comcast's 2011 purchase of NBCUniversal. On August 26, 2016, the Media Bureau dismissed the complaint without prejudice on the grounds that LBI lacked standing to pursue this complaint against Comcast. On September 26, 2016, LBI submitted a Petition For Reconsideration, which we understand remains pending more than 18 months later.

While we take no position on the merits of the Petition, we are very concerned it has been pending at the Federal Communications Commission for more than 18 months. The companies involved in this matter deserve certainty, so please respond to us by July 12 regarding the current status of the Petition as well as by when you expect it to be decided by the agency.

Sincerely,


TONY CARDENAS
Member of Congress


RAUL RUIZ
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

July 23, 2018

The Honorable Tony Cárdenas
U.S. House of Representatives
1510 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

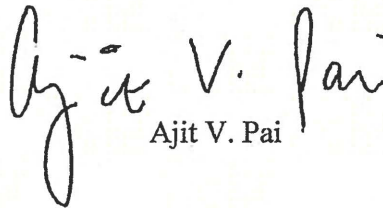
Dear Congressman Cárdenas:

Thank you for your status inquiry of the Petition for Reconsideration filed by Liberman Broadcasting Inc. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Please be assured that the Commission staff is actively working on the pending Petition. Due to this being a restricted proceeding I cannot discuss the merits. However, the Bureau hopes to act on the issues raised in the Petition before the end of this year.

Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ajit V. Pai". The signature is stylized, with the first name "Ajit" written in a cursive-like script and the last name "Pai" in a more formal, upright script. The middle initial "V." is written in a simple, printed style between the first and last names.
Ajit V. Pai



OFFICE OF
THE CHAIRMAN

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
WASHINGTON

July 23, 2018

The Honorable Raul Ruiz
U.S. House of Representatives
1319 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Ruiz:

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Ajit V. Pai